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INTERESTING NEWS

WEST CHESEER PENNSYLVANIA FURNISHES A BATCH CONTAINING

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Culled From Our Agents--The Welfare and Doings of the Prominent Citizens and Business Men.

West Chester, Pa., Special.—One of the prettiest little towns in the country is West Chester, Pa., a town famous for its well paved streets, fine churches, beautiful homes, intelligent people and, the hospitality that is extended to all who visit this beautiful little town. As the county seat of Chester county it is naturally the leading town of the county, and this important position it shares without a rival. With a population of about 10,000, coupled with its close proximity to Philadelphia, has placed West Chester in the foremost rank of the towns of eastern Pennsylvania.

The colored population numbers at about 1,700 who represent more wealth and business influence than any other equal number of colored people similiarly situated in the state of Pennsylvania.

The leading restaurants and barbershops are conducted by colored men who are doing rushing business in the center of the city.

Possibly the most prominent colored business man in West Chester is Charles H. Burns on Market street. He has the largest oyster house and restaurant in the city. His career is a remarkable one, beginning with a push cart, selling ice cream and sandwiches. About twelve years ago he began his gradual rise toward the top, and now owns an establishment assessed at ten thousand dollars. He has handsome apartments on the second floor for ladies which is magnificent in its appointments, and is the finest in the city. He also carries on an extensive ice cream manufacturing business. He is an affable, pleasant man and one of our good friends.

Messrs. Brown and Spence are also prominent business men, who are well thought of in the town.

One of the jolliest and at the same time most practical business men in the town, is J. W. Smothers, proprietor of Smothers' hotel. He conducts the only colored hotel in the city, and is doing a great business. This hotel from every standpoint is far above the average hotels conducted by our people. We wish him success and long life.

One of the largest confectionaries and bakeries in the city is conducted by a colored man, Mr. W. A. Gauges. His place is in favor with every person in town, and his breads and pastries are said to be the best in town.

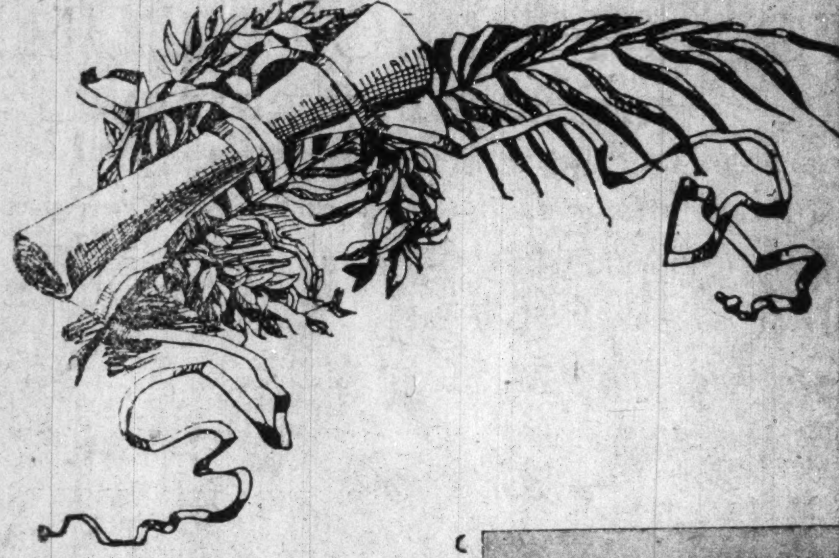
Mr. David Luff, the leading politician, is a most pleasant gentleman, one who has the confidence of his party, the respect of his people and the esteem of the community in which he resides.

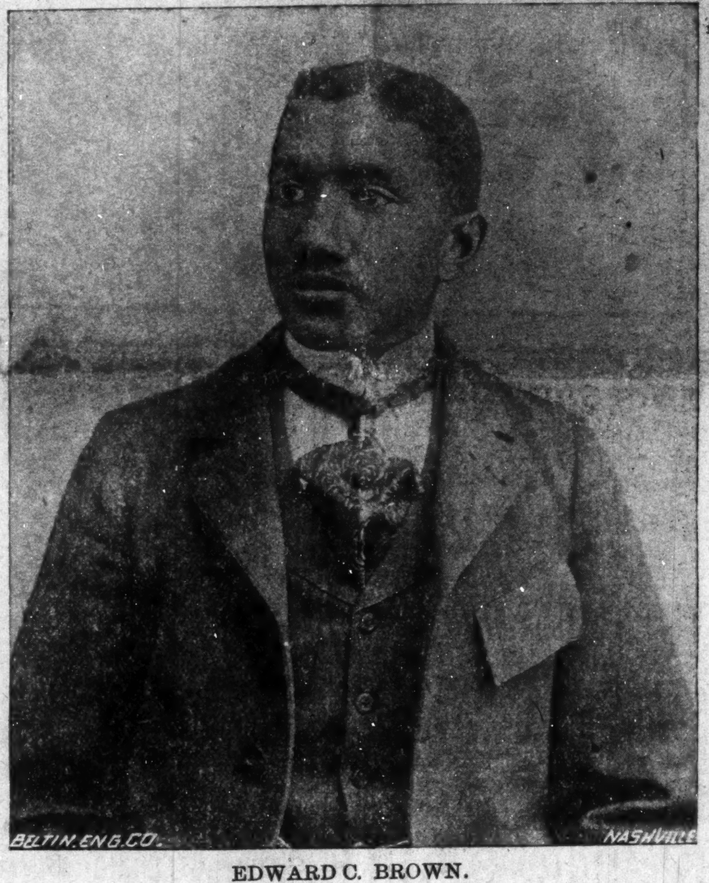
Rev. C. L. Butler is an old reader of The Freeman. He is intelligent and progressive.

C. H. Bostick was our pilot, who is a jolly good fellow and well liked.

Miss Bessie Spence is the only colored school teacher in the city. She is a most estimable young lady.

It is our intention of again visiting West Chester at an early date and will then be able to mention those whom space would not at this time permit. ED. C. BROWN.





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THE SUBJECT OF THIS SKETCH IS A HUSTLING REPRESENTATIVE

A SELF MADE YOUNG MAN WHO

Is Making Rapid Strides to the Pinnacle of Success--His Push and Energy of the Past Show Him a Future Leader.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to our many readers, one of the traveling representative of The Freeman, Mr. Edward C. Brown, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 8, 1874. His education was acquired in the following institutions: Robert Vaux and George G. Meade, public schools of Philadelphia, and Phillips Academy at Exeter, N. H., being an undergraduate of the latter school. At an early age he developed into a little hustler, always with the idea of rising above the mediocrity. After leaving school he secured a position with the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency of Philadelphia, as mail clerk. This position was secured through the influence of a prominent Democratic gentleman in the personage of Mr. Henry Drake, ex-assistant postmaster of Philadelphia, who was at that time one of the managers of the Philadelphia branch. There were several applicants for the position, but Mr. Drake was favorably impressed with young Brown and with his penmanship, and succeeded in having him appointed with two of the white applicants as assistants. Mr. Drake always proved a staunch friend to Mr. Brown and always manifested great interest in the race. He remained with this firm two years, during which time he attended the Spencerian Business College in the evenings taking up the study of stenography and type-writing in which he graduated at a speed of one hundred words per minute. After his graduation he secured a position as stenographer with the National Railway Spring Company, with which firm he remained two years and a half, or until they decided to abandon their Philadelphia office. He was also general clerk on the Universalist magazine, "To-day" for a short while.

He was always of a journalistic turn of mind and has earned quite a reputation as a writer, and an advertising and subscription solicitor. He was associated in 1896 with Mr. Charles Alexander who was publishing the well known "Monthly Review," Mr. Brown became the business manager, and remained with it to the last. He has done special work on the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and The Philadelphia Inquirer, and has contributed articles to some of our leading race papers. He is also the author of the "Souvenir of the Negro Exhibit" at Nashville, Tenn.

We make note of the above incidents in Mr. Brown's life, because they are deserving of attention. Self-made young men are among the needed wants of the race, and Mr. Brown is a good example of the same—his mother and father having years ago passed into the mystic beyond.

He is doing great work for The Freeman in Delaware and will be in Virginia next month, any courtesies shown him will be highly appreciated.

He is affable, courteous and has the knack of winning friends and holding them, and we predict for him a successful future. He is a very young man, but his energy, success and ability is worthy of imitation by any member of the race.

About the City.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Services were held at both the churches Sunday with good attendance. Rev. Slaughter of the Second Baptist Church preached an eloquent sermon. The members of the S. Baptist church tendered their pastor Rev. D. S. Slaughter, a pound party last Wednesday night. Several pounds were given him and the pastor and his wife were delighted with the affair. Mrs. Stella Gilmore is reported sick at the home of Mrs. Katie Palmer on S. Madison st. Mr. Wick Adams spent Sunday in Indianapolis. Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Slaughter were entertained by Mrs. Martha Newton at Dinner last Sunday at their former home in Whitely. Mrs. J. W. Watkins is on the sick list. Miss Laura Unins and Mrs. Wm. Barcklay are contemplating a trip to Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gillam are going to spend Christmas in Alexandria. Miss Grace Robinson is reported sick at her home on S. Beacon st. Mrs Lenora Adams is convalescent. There was a dime social given at the home of Mrs Kate Palmer last Tuesday night for the benefit of Golden Lane Tabernacle, No. 40. It was a financial success and every one enjoyed themselves. Mr. McCalister of E. Jackson street is reported sick Mr. G. W. Strong and Rev. D. S. Slaughter went hunting Wednesday and caught several rabbits and quails. Miss Jennie White is contemplating a trip to LaFayette to spend her Christmas.

Interesting Notes.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Young are guests of Mrs. M. Blanch. Mrs. Mary A. Garlan, mother of Will Garlan is very ill. Dr. Payne, of Louisa is in the city with a view to locating. Eddie Foy Elliott will be the guest of his mother during the holidays. The pleasure club gave a reception in honor of the S. M. T. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell are visiting in Chicago.

General Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Chattanooga will now rank among the leading "Freeman" reading cities. Mr. Grant S. Neal, the popular representative of the paper is in the the city and is "doing the town in great shape. Everybody is anxiously looking for the Holiday edition. Many of the leading white citizens are subscribing. Rev. S. Timothy Tice, of Annapolis, Md., passed through the city last week and spent a few pleasant hours with Dr. J. A. Jones, sight-seeing. He was going to Nashville. Dr. W. L. Council is doing a lucrative practice in our city. He is a new comer but is steadily growing in popularity. Rev. G L. Jackson, presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church is in the city holding his quarterly conferences. The quarterly meeting at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church was held on the 10th and 11th. The meeting was a success. Rev. P. A. Wallace, of the A. M. E. Z. church recently visited Memphis and attended the Annual Conference in that city. Rev. Provini, an old minister of the M. E. church, died last week. His funeral took place at the Wiley Memorial Church, Rev. R. J. Buckner, pastor, officiating. Chattanooga can now pride herself upon having a first-class colored hotel. It is run by Mr. Hudson. Travelers can now be well accommodated. The hotel is situated on Market street near the Central depot.

Picked up in Passing.

Meridian, Miss., Special.—Miss T. A. Toles went to Newton on the 8th to visit relatives and returned on the 10th. Mr. Willie Carter has been suffering with Measles for a week. The Emancipation celebration will take place on January 1, at the New Hope church. Messrs H. Strayborn, B. J. Cotton and Frank Berry, who have been working in Laurel have returned to the city. Miss Irene Evans of Enterprise visited her brother B. F. Adams, here, on the 9th. Rev. G. W. Steward, P. E. of the Selma district of the C. M. E. Church preached at St. Paul M. E. church Sunday night, the 10th. Rev. J. T. Flynn, went to Scoofa on the 9th. Miss Marguret Terrell, who has been visiting in Enterprise has returned to the city. Rev. T. H. H. Jones has been returned to St. Peters A, M. E. Z. church and Rev. Jackson is still presiding elder of the district. Miss Harriet Sledge an aged citizen died on the 10th and was buried on the 11. Mrs. Sledge was over one hundred years old. The C. M. E. Conference met at Newell Chapel on the 5th with Bishop E. Carrell presiding. On the 10th the assembly adjourned after having a successful meeting. Rev. S. H. Cannon has moved his church into the city limits. Rev. Temple of the Baptist Publishing Co. of Mississippi, preached at the New Hope Church on the 10th. Solomon Green an aged and respected citizen died at his home north of the city the 8th. He was a member of New Hope and was buried from his denomination on the 10th. Misses Hattie and Clara Ward the twin daughters of Mr. M. Ward were entertained at their residence on the 8th. The affair was indeed an enjoyable one and the refreshments consisted of the delecacies of the season. The elete of the city were present.

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Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The North Georgia annual conference of the A. M. E. church has just closed. It was the largest that ever was its known history. Miss Annie Lloyd and Mrs. Phillips have returned to their home at Cedartown, Ga., after spending a week in this city the guests of Mrs. Barns on Peoples st. Miss Octavia Oliver left for her home last Tuesday at Jefferson Ga. She has been spending a couple of weeks in our city the guest of Mrs. D. D. Dukes on Orange st. Miss Hennie Dugget left last Thursday night in company with her aunt Mrs. Hicks for Los Angeles, Cal. Her many friends wish her a pleasant trip. The Freeman can be found at Mr. L. Pusley's news and cigar store on Lloyd st. Among the many visitors at the conference just closed at Allen Temple, A. M. E. church this city were Drs. Henderson, Coppin, Shaffer of Philadelphia; Moore of Washington: Parks of New York; Smith of Nashville, Mixon of Ala. The delegates elected to the General Conference in Columbus, O., in 1900 are, Drs. J. M. Henderson, J. S. Flipper, Wm. D. Johnson, C. L. Bradwell, W. A. Fountain, B. A.; Revs. R. D. Stinson, J. H. Hilson, Daniel Strickland. Georgia will have the largest number number of delegates at Columbus O., in 1900 of any State. The popular agent, Mr. I. Humphreys can be found on the streets every Saturday night, handling The Freeman.

Wedding Anniversary.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Mrs. Prof. Blount has gone to Helena to visit relatives and spend the holidays. The Sundown Concert and Cake-walk company gave a grand entertainment at the Assembly Hall last Monday evening, with two big companies combined. The house was crowded to its utmost and the entertainment was a success. The Eastman Hotel will have a white head waiter and second waiter this season, so it is reported. Rev. Longwood is very sick and seems to be improving slowly. Will Owens has gone to the big Arlington. Mr. Eugene Milliner, has subscribed for The Freeman. Don't miss the Holiday Number of The Freeman. The Hotel Langston gave an entertainment last Thursday eve. which was well attended. Silver weddings are to some extent numerous this year. The invitations are out as follows. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green, Walnut st., 25th anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Walnut street. We hope the respective parties, after their anniversaries will not forget to subscribe for The Freemam. Two young men of the city went before the Magistrate to secure liscense to marry the same girl who was making $6 per week and had $700 in the Bank. But the young men in some way failed. It is reported the young lady took a sudden dislike to both of them. The Bohemian Concert Company is preparing for the Fair. Mr. William Henry of New York is in the city.

COST OF GREAT WARS.

The Aggregate Sum Is So Vast as to Be Beyond the Ordinary Grasp.

We have recently heard that as far as we have gone we have spent something like six millions to bring Mr. Kruger to his senses. It will, therefore, be interesting to look back to other items of our war bills, dating back to exactly three hundred years ago.

If we take the paid bills off the file and add up the totals, we find that during this period we have spent about £1,400,000,000 in war. Calculating the population of the United Kingdom at forty millions, we might estimate that had the money been saved, there would be a nice little nest-egg of £35 for every man, woman and child of the population.

Still, it is well to remember, when peace advocates point to the figures with grief, that, on the whole, we have made a very fair profit on our war expenditure, for it has helped us largely to gain an empire whose total revenues would pay off the war bill in less than six years. Indeed, one of the best investments we ever made is found in the heaviest item of the whole account, the £831,000,000 spent in smashing Napoleon. If this sum had not been forthcoming, Answers would, without doubt have been printed in the French language, and the tri-color would now be waving over the House of Parliament.

The next largest item to the Wellington account is the bill for the campaigns of the great Duke of Marlborough, which totals up to the comparatively modest figure of £182,000,000, while £121,000,000 is written off in our profit and loss account as to the price of our litle family quarrel, when Cousin Jonathan left home and set up in business for himself John Bull always scratches his head rather doubtfully over that leaf in his ledger.

It is three hundred years ago this year since the Earl of Essex started the account by four million pounds' worth of war against the Spaniards in Ireland; while less than fifty years after Cromwell followed him in the same distressful country, wasting fifty-seven good millions in slaughtering some of the very best material in the British army. He in his turn was followed by William III., whose traveling expenses in Ireland and Holland amounted to £333,000,000.

Canada cost us about £62,000,000—a fairly good bargain when compared with the Crimean War, of which our share was £69,000,000, out of a total of £305,000,000. The terrible waste in this war laid rather in lives than in money, for, out of 97,860 men we put in the field, we lost 22,182, or 22½ per cent of the total strength. Only 2,755 of these poor fellows were killed in action, while of the 18,280 wounded only 1,875 died of their wounds. There were 17,847 died of disease, and it may be safely assumed that, had our troops been as well cared for as those who are now engaged with the Boers, the British army would have left the Crimea richer by 17,000 men.

Less unpleasant reading than our own are the war bills of our neighbors, though they naturally have involved many of our losses.

The world's wars during the ninety years ending in the year 1880 cost altogether £3,047,000,000, together with a loss of 4,470,000 lives.

Next to the twenty-year war between ourselves and France, which, ending at Waterloo, cost altogether £1,250,000,000 and 1,900,000 lives, the most costly struggle was that between the Northern and Southern States of America, the price of which was £740,000,000 and 656,000 lives.

The Franco-Prussian war cost the belligerents £316,000,000 and 310,000 killed and wounded out of the 1,713,000 men engaged. Altogether, 817,751 men were put out of action although this total includes 446,000 French prisoners.

The German hospital returns, however, showed a great improvement on our Crimean record, for out of their 127,000 wounded only 10,710, or 8½ per cent of the cases terminated fatally.

The last great war of the world, that between Russia and Turkey, cost altogether £190,000,000 and 180,000 lives of which Russia paid £133,000,000 and 110,000 lives.—London Answers.

Evils of Profanity.

Clergymen and ethical writers have had a great deal to say about the evils of profanity. The field against this petty vice has now been taken by another class of men altogether, one also which has a great deal more influence with most young men than clergymen usually have—physical trainers, coaches and team captains. This information will undoubtedly startle many young aspirants for athletic honors, who consider a sweater, a pair of lurching shoulders, a mincing gait, a cigar and a loud and profane manner very "manly," and the proper outward characteristics of an athlete. But it is a fact, nevertheless that the leading trainers and lovers of athletics, both here and in England, have started a crusade against profanity, the former considering it a great drawback and hindrance to getting in condition quickly and easily or to putting on weight, and the latter fearing an unenviable reputation and the setting of a bad example.

Oom Paul's Charm.

The Cape Town correspondent of a London paper says that of the sum of 12 shillings 6 pence, which was the total amount in the Boer treasury at the time of the gold find on the rand, President Kruger thoughtfully appropriated the only gold coin, with the remark: "The last of the old coin and the old luck." He has since worn the coin as a charm upon his watch chain, and is said to have regarded it with a feeling of almost superstitious veneration. Some two months ago, however, it became accidentally detached, and all efforts to find it have been in vain. The president has been inconsolable for the loss, regarding it as an omen of disaster.

Sea Water for London.

The proposal to bring sea water to London is taking definite shape. The channel will be tapped at Lancing, and the sea water will be pumped to a level of five hundred feet at the top of Steyning Hill. It will then flow by gravitation through a main aqueduct to London.

ORGANIZED A SOCIETY.

The Family for the Prevention of Cruelty to Microbes.

"I have a son who is taking a medical course at Tulane," remarked a member of the Board of Trade, "and he has been especially interested in the study of bacteriology. I am sorry to say it has proved a great affliction to the entire family. Our troubles began about two months ago, when he laid aside a few samples of his breakfast and remarked casually that he intended to put them 'under the glass'—meaning his new $125 microscope. Next day he told his mother that we'd have to change our milkman and grocer immediately. He said it was next door to a miracle that any of us were alive and when he gave me the Latin name of the microbes he had discovered I was inclined to agree with him. The idea of absorbing that many syllables at every mouthful was enough to scare anybody, so to be on the safe side we followed his suggestion A few days afterward he saw some fish being delivered at the gate, and immediately hacked off a sample. In less than two hours he rushed down and threw two fine pompano into the slop barrel. 'You've had a narrow escape, father,' he said, when I made a gentle protest, for I am very fond of pompano, broiled. 'If you'd eaten that fish,' he said, 'you'd have been a dead man in a week.' After that we had no peace. He insisted on making what he called a 'superficial investigation' of all pantry supplies. He said he was looking for only three or four of the most deadly forms of bacteria and would reserve the moderately dangerous ones for a future campaign. The result was that he condemned nearly everything we had on hand. Then he wanted to sterilize the kitchen utensils, and posted up a set of sanitary rules and regulations for the guidance of the cook. Fortunately the cook can't read, but the rest of us were being rapidly reduced to starvation, and day befor yesterday I headed a revolt and organized a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Microbes. Everybody in the house joined except my son, and I gave him solemn warning that if I ever caught him molesting any bacilli on the premises I would cut him off with a microscope. Since then we have gorged ourselves with impunity and microbes and gained 26 pounds—grand total. My son looks on sadly and says he washes his hands of the consequences. I told him he could wash his hands as much as he blamed pleased, but he mustn't wash any more skillets—especially with germicide fluids. I have hopes he will survive until Mardi Gras."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

OPIUM SMOKERS IN CHINA.

In Formosa One Person in Fifteen Uses the Drug.

To learn the actual number of opium smokers is impossible, but we know the amount of the foreign import of this drug, and the native confessions of reformed opium smokers tell us precisely the amount of opium required to pass the yin, or craving. It is one-fifth of an ounce daily. An ounce or liang is consumed in five days and a catty suffices for eighty days. Four catties are enough for 320 days, and another half catty will carry the user to the end of a year with comfort. A picul is enough then for only twenty-two persons and 50,000 piculs is sufficient for not more than 1,100,000 persons. The law of compulsion in the smoker is just as imperious for native opium as for foreign. It is a matter of great interest to know the extent of the evil.

In regard to Szechuen, that very populous and wealthy province, Mr. Schjoth, in the Trade Report for 1898, informs us that Szechuen produces 100,000 piculs of opium, and the cultivation is always increasing. At Chungching, where he is commissioner, he is told that 30,000 piculs suffice for consumption in the province and that 65,000 piculs are exported. We may conclude that the smokers of that province cannot be less than 660,000. Since the population is 67,000,000, the number of smokers is one in a hundred. In Shensi one in 140 smokes, in Formosa one in fifteen is the proportion in cities, where the people are sunk to the lowest point of degradation and this is the largest proportion yet known of opium smokers as compared with the general population.—Shanghi Mercury.

How Much Sleep.

The statistics and diagrams of sleep in the Sunday Post-Dispatch are interesting as showing the influence of occupation upon habit. The American naval officer gets less sleep on the average than anyone else. It is with him a matter of regulation, but he gets used to his scant allowance and seems to thrive under it. He sleeps six hours in the twenty-four. The actor sleeps ten, while the army officer is allowed eight hours. There are two extreme opinions on the subject of sleep. One that men do not sleep enough, and the other that they sleep too much. Probably the truth is that a tranquil and evenly balanced mind not given to worry, dissipation or needless excitement needs less sleep than the fussy man who indulges in these respectable and unrespectable vices. It is possible to rest even when in the midst of work. But it requires much toil and self-control to achieve such a power of rest.

Municipal Novelty.

There is a decidely humorous side which occasionally comes to light in connection with the undertakings of municipal corporations but the action of the enterprising city fathers of a small Hungarian town is certainly unique. The Mayor and the whole Town Council, consisting of eight members, formed themselves into a band of forgers and carried on a thriving business in the Town Hall manufacturing paper notes current in Austria, which they circulated pretty extensively. A workshop, well fitted with the necessary implements, was fixed up a cellar of the Town Hall, and they actually set policemen to guard the door while they were at work. This remarkable state of affairs existed for a couple of years, when the business was detected, the Mayor and councillors fighting like profesional brigands upon being arrested.—Cin. Enquirer.

BEFORE.
AFTER.

Be Not Deceived

....TO THE COLORED PEOPLE OF AMERICA

RECOGNIZING THE FACT that there are many so-called hair growers and straighteners now being offered on the market, and knowing to a certainty that most of these are frauds pure and simple. We wish to make a straight-forward statement to the colored people of America, through its best paper, THE INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN.

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"I was greatly puzzled Election day," said an amateur politician, "at the confidence with which a certain old-time leader, who is a particular friend of mine, gave out the exact character of the vote polled up to that hour at one of the down-town precincts, where he was stationed. 'It stands at present —— for Flower, —— for Capdevielle, and —— tickets scratched,' he said, in reply to my question, giving the precise number of votes, which I have forgotten. Oh, come, now! I protested laughingly, 'you may have a general idea of the lay of the land, but I can't believe you know exactly how many ballots each candidate has received.' 'It's just like I tell you,' he replied solemnly. 'Well how do you do it?' I asked. 'You are certainly not basing your figures on what the voters say, are you?' 'Not on your shirt studs,' he answered, grinning. I'm too old for such foolishness as that. But I don't mind putting you on, in strict confidence. Do you see that window with the blinds half drawn over there?' he added, pointing to the fourth story of the house opposite. 'Yes, what of it?' 'Well, there's a man in the shadow with a pair of strong field glasses. from where he stands he can see right down into the open top of the voter's box, and field glasses make it exactly like looking over the fellow's shoulder inside. I don't say he can tell what separate names are scratched, but he can see easily enough when any scratching is being done, and which ticket is stamped and goes straight. Then he gives me a signal from the window, and I jot it down in my little book, with possibly the name of the voter—just for future reference. There's no chance of a mistake. It's a sure thing.' I glued my eye on the window the next time a man went into the booth, and presently I saw a movement in the shadow and a flash of glass. Then a hand was waved up and down the left side of the sill. 'That's another scratched ticket,' said my friend, pulling out his little red book."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

FUTURE OF CUBA.

Business Development and Chances For Investment.

For the island of Cuba there is a great future prospect. The general condition of trade and commerce has greatly improved within the past few greatly improved within the past two months. The expansion in this respect is not as rapid as some might wish, but it is steady. Each day sees a greater volume of money in circulation in the island, due to the growth of internal trade, while the import and export trade is likewise improving. Cuba is a country of wonderful natural resources. It is a country which can be develaoped into one of the greatest in the universe. Its people are willing and ready, and all that is required is the continuance of a wise and intelligent administration of the affairs of the island. There has been a marked change for the better in the condition of the working classes lately. At the termination of the war their state was deplorable. There was then very little demand for labor. Now, however, there is work to be had both in the cities and in the outlying districts, and any sober, industrious and reliable man can find employment. The demand for labor is strengthening daily.

American capital is finding a great field for investment in Cuba, and the outlook for increasing the volume of invested money there is bright. There is no doubt that hundreds of thousands of dollars in this country are now in waiting for guarantee of safety. As it stands now, capitalists are in doubt as to the future disposition of the island; they are therefore holding back until some really permanent plan is in operation. All that is desired by these people is that a system of government shall be inaugurated which will permanently insure the protection of life and property. The establishment of a stable government will be followed by the influx of an enormous amount of foreign capital. There is a great deal of money to be made in Cuba by American investors.—Fitzhugh Lee, in New York World.

PUT TO TEST.

If the St Kildan Swain Survives It He Gets Married.

Both in the northern and western islands of Scotland the natives have some peculiar customs, unfamiliar to the dwellers of the mainland. One of these, known as the "marriage test," is practiced in the island of St. Kilda, where the population barely exceeds a hundred. The desire among the islanders to increase this number does not seem to be exceptionally strong, and every man before he is deemed suitable for a husband has to perform an evolution, with no little bodily risk. The St. Kildan's are, of course, adept dock climbers, and the aspirant for matrimony is therefore subjected to the test of balancing himself on one leg on a narrow ledge overhanging a precipice, bending his body at the same time in order to hold the foot of his other leg in his hands. If found lacking in courage the maiden withdraws her betrothal, and should the man fall over theledge it is presumed that, in his case, he will be disqualified.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

England's Post Cards.

A notice issued by order of the Postmaster-General says: "On November 1, 1899, a new inland and a foreign post card, 5½x3½ inches in size, will be issued. These cards (single and reply) will be sold at the same price respectively as the present inland thin cards and the present foreign cards. The issue of the oblong stout cards (single and reply) will be discontinued, when 4½x3½ inches will be the only stout cards (single and reply) of the present court size, 4½x3½ inches will be the only stout cards on sale in future The price of these stout cards will remain unaltered. From the date mentioned the maximum size of private cards will be increased from 5½x3½ inches, to correspond with the size of the new cards."—London Times.

TRYING TO PLEASE.

It Proved a Boomerang in the Case of One Fond Mother.

"You can't please everybody, no matter how you try," was the philosophic discovery made by a pretty matron recently "For six years after my marriage we lived in the west, and then a return to New York was decided on. My family consisted of three of the dearest, and, I firmly believe, the most wonderful children in the world, but having once heard a remark to the effect that Mrs. Soandso was the greatest bore in existence, because forever singing the praises of her children, I decided to profit by that fond mother's injudicious dissertations.

"My friends gave me a royal welcome on my return to civilization. None of my five special schoolmates had married, and when they gave a luncheon in my honor I accepted joyfully. I knew they were all 'strong-minded and advanced, with a high regard for women's rights and a decided opinion of the wrongs of their sex. In fact, one of them had written to me gently intimating that I had lost my 'soul's individuality' by marrying, over which bit of information my husband and I made very merry.

"So I prepared myself on matters economic, scientific and political, put on my smartest frock, thrust my precious babes away from me, and started out with a determination, above all things, not to mention that delightful topic, my wonderful children.

"The girls, I could plainly see, were politely surprised at my well set up figure and dainty attire—a sneering reference to that 'dowdy Mrs. Brown' chilled me with a suspicion of their undoubted expectations of my appearance. One of them asked, patronizingly, about the 'babies.' 'Very well, thank you,' I answered, and continued the interrupted conversation on the possible benefit of liquefied air to the world at large, one of the few subjects I had not studied up, and which I momentarily expected to prove my mental undoing.

"I finally bade my hostesses goodby and sallied forth, quite pleased with the impression I had made and feeling satisfied my reputation was safe in their hands. They were doubtless chagrined at the discovery that matrimony is not always a destroyer of the 'soul's individuality,' I thought, gleefully, and sped home to my neglected infants.

"Within three months our return to the west had been decided on, but before my departure a kind friend tumbled my pride in the mire.

"'Why, Nellie Blank,' she exclaimed, "whatever did you say or do at the luncheon to give the girls such a false idea of your character?'

"I gasped in mute astonishment.

"'Why,' she continued, 'I heard that you had changed so, grown utterly frivolous and worldly, laced outrageously and dressed like a fashion plate, all of which might be forgiven but for your heartless indifference to your children. They said you never mentioned them, and when some one asked how they were you showed absolutely no interest in the subject.'

"Well, of course, I explained matters, but after all my self-sacrifice did you ever hear of anything like that?" And the little woman's eyes filled with tears of vexation.—Cin. Enquirer.

TRAIN ROBBERIES.

Danger That Seems to Increase and Cannot Be Stopped.

More than twenty times a year railway trains in the United States are held up and robbed. The criminals who follow this dangerous pursuit are fearless, and it is said that there is but one possible measure that will go to check their vicious careers.

Few travelers know that since the year 1890 there have been 230 hold-ups in this country, with more than eighty persons killed outright and nearly as many wounded. The desperadoes usually work in gangs, and are difficult to run down After committing robbery they terrorize the country for miles about, and do not hesitate at killing a man who may be a witness against them. In conse-their atrocities are seldom punished, and the wretches who have slain women and stolen property live and flourish, waiting for a fresh opportunity for crime.

As it is always express cars that suffer from robbers Congress was not long ago petitioned to grant Federal protection to the express companies. Mail cars are, it is alleged, rarely attacked by robbers, for the reason that such robberies are crimes against the United States, and are promptly brought up in the Federal courts, where the culprits receive severe sentences and no mercy.

On the other hand the robbers who attack express trains commit a crime not against the nation, but against a corporation. Their conviction, therefore, has to be looked after by the state, and when a crime is committed so near the border of one state that the criminals can escape by running into the next, long legal complications are likely to ensue, which often end in the robbers going free. At all events, unless something is done by Congress the present danger will continue to threaten every train that runs.—Exchange.

What the British Officer Eats.

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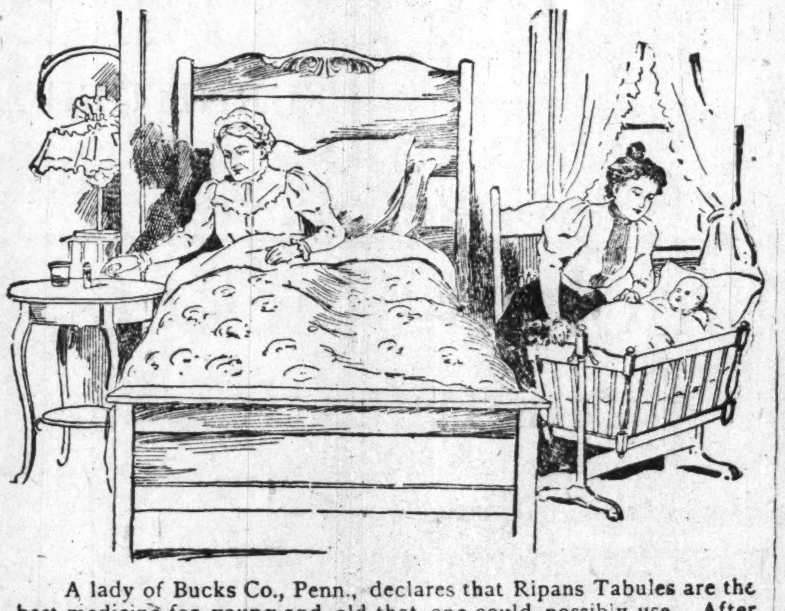

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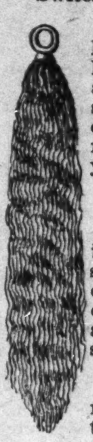

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In the death of Gen. Lawton the nation mourns the loss of its greatest soldiers and Indiana a most distinguished son. Prompted by the love of country, he was brave to a fault knowing no such word as fail.

The English are having quite a time in convincing the Boers that they can whip them.

Why not McKinley and Fairbanks? Let Senator Fairbanks say so and it will be so. It rests with him. Or shall it be Fairbanks in four more years from now?

Hon. Jesse Overstreet is managing the lower house just now in the interest of his bill. His speech was read with great interest in this city. He is looming up as a statesman with broad views and sound judgement.

Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge are among the most prominent members of the Senate. They have been given chairmanships of important committees.

Hon. Gurley Brewer the noted colored orator and politician has been appointed as deputy state statistician. Mr. Brewer is very deserving and the appointment could not be more satisfactory. He has worked faithfully in the party's interest and for the first time holds an office. The party and Mr. Brewer are congratulated.

Hon. John L. Griffith for Governor is what every body is saying, and what every body says must be so. In fact Griffith should have been recognized long ere this. He has been standing back modestly, trusting that his great worth would be considered. "Everything comes to those who wait" with the proviso "and work" Mr. Griffith is entitled to very great consideration through ability and party zeal. He has been boosting others to fame; it is Mr. Griffith's time.

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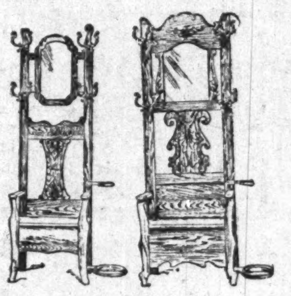

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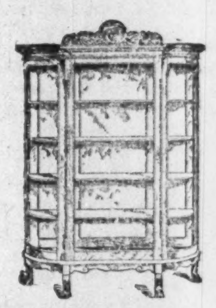

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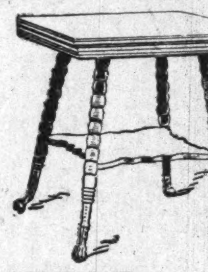

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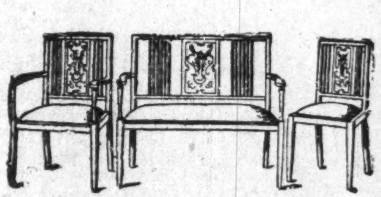

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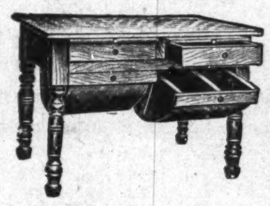

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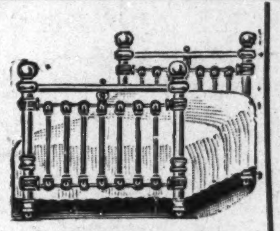

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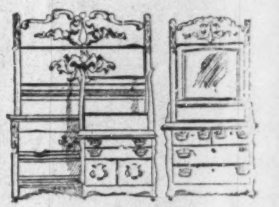

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French Lick News.

French Lick, Ind., Special—Mayor Thomas Taggart accompanied by Mr. Fred Patridge both of Indianapolis, were the guests at French Lick Springs last week. They took a hunting expedition caught one half dozen rabbits and one dozen quails Good luck Sir Thomas. Mr. Lee Babbage and Mr. George Waddy will spend the holidays in Louisville, Ky.

Gem City Notes.

Frankfort, Ind., Special—If you see it in The Freeman it is so. Mr. Charles Emery of Michigantown was in Frankfort Sunday. Miss Carrie Harper is on sick list. Mrs. Alice Valentine is better. Mr. Clyde Radcliff has returned from Indianapolis after attending the Perkin's and Johnson wedding. Mrs. J. H. Johnson has returned home from Lafayette. Mr. David Mitchell has been on the sick list. The Freeman's agent of Frankfort, extends cards of thanks to both his subscribers of The Freeman and also the Christmas Number. 42 copies of the Christmas Number have been sold by this agent. Mr. S. B. Williams was in Kokomo, Tuesday and Wednesday attending court. Church services at 10:30 Sunday school promptly at 2:30. Parent's Day the last Sunday in December. Everybody is expected to attend. Rev. J. H. Johnson preached an excellent sermon Sunday night. The Busy Bee Club held a business meeting last Tuesday night. They are preparing a splendid program for the 26th of this month. Mr. S. B. Williams is recovering from a light spell of sickness. Read The Freeman. Mrs. Martha Weaver is some better. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teacher's meeting, Monday night. All the mills and factories were deprived of their gas after the 15th of December. A new edition is being built to the Clover Leaf R. R., for the benefit of the city electric light plant. Subscribe for the old reliable paper. The Freeman. Terms $1.50 per year, 85 cents six months; or 60 cents three months. Miss Blanch Radcliff is on the sick list. Mrs. Joe Parker is recovering from a serious fall. Miss Lettie Parker has gone to visit friends in Toledo, O. Mrs. Ida Woodson of Thorntown was the guest of Mrs. Sadie Cummings Sunday. Mrs. Bettie Weaver has returned to her home in Indianapolis.

Womans World

The women clubs of colored women or the Southern states are called to meet in Montgomery, Ala., December 28 and 29. The call is issued by the following clubs of Montgomery: The Ten Times Ten, Magical Club, Sojourner Truth West End Club and the Women's Christan Temperance Union. Mrs Booker T. Washington is at the head of the movement, and is assisted by many able women of the race throghout the South. Success is assured. The object of this meeting is to bring together well-rounded state organiztions and a more perfect union in general among the Southern clubs and to arouse a closer acquaintance and more active sympathy among Southern women with a view toward extending the work on a broader basis.

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CEREAL EXPORTS.

Statistics of the Way This Country Feeds the World.

The importance of the American farmer is not revealed in its fullest extent until his relation to the world's food supply is considered That relation it may be stated is a very intimate one, as men of all nations would attest if the farmer should suddenly decide to go out of business and live on the gains of the past two years. Then the old adage "Half a loaf is better than none," might find a more literal interpretation than in this well-fed age.

One cannot travel through the big wheat farms of the northwest without being wonderfully impressed with their show of industry and enterprise. They give the farmer his most favorable background. But it is necessary to resort to dull statistics to know the part played by the agriculturists of the United States in guarding the world from a perpetual hunger, to say nothing of the American cattlemen.

To begin at once on facts, the American farmer is responsible for annual exports aggregating in value $300,000,000 for cereal alone. This, be it remembered, is after catering to a very heavy home demand. The largest single item is furnish by wheat. Corn, cornmeal and flour contribute the other parts. Last fiscal year was a record one for flour, when 18,485,620 barrels were shipped. The number of bushels of wheat was 139,432,815. In 1891 the amount of wheat was 161,000,000 bushels, which is the greatest total of which any account is to be had. During 1897-98 the exports of corn amounted to 208,744,000, which was the record in that cereal up to that time.

If one wishes to show the stupendous results of agrarian labor one should turn to the figures given in the last annual report of the New York Produce Exchange, which contains export figures since 1831, when records were first available. Since that year the value of the cereals sent abroad from the United States has footed up to over six billions of dollars. This means that something like 4,300,000,000 bushels of corn and wheat have been sent out of the country to supply deficiencies in the food products of European nations.

There has been a gradual development in these sixty-eight years, with several periods of very rapid expansion. For instance, in the five years ending with September, 1835, the amount of wheat exported was only 614,145 bushels. The output of flour in that interval was 5,241,964 barrels. By 1865 the wheat exports had risen to a total of 138,306,000 bushels; ten years later they were 224,019,376 bushels, doubling in the fiveyear period following.

The best prices that the farmer has received for his wheat came between 1865 and 1870, when he averaged on the five years $1.43 a bushel. The average between 1890 and 1895 was 82 cents. In 1895 he only received 65 cents for what wheat he sent abroad, and shipped out 40,000,000 bushels, less than one-third of last year's export total.

An interesting study from the figures given in the report has been made of the proportion of wheat shipped as flour to the total since 1831. In that year it reached 97.2 per cent. The ratio fell rapidly until 1880, when the percentage was only 18.84. Last year it was 40.68 per cent.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

Heavy Shoes.

A woman who is a victim of the big shoe habit says that when she took a trip west a few weeks ago she wore her "comfortable," heavy-soled, rubber-heeled calfskins. In the sleeping car she gave orders to the porter to black them. As her berth was the first one from the little chicken-coop place in which the porter attends to his odd jobs, she had no difficulty in overhearing a little conversation which took place between him and two of the men passengers.

"They calls 'em golf shoes, don't they?" the porter remarked.

"I guess so," replied one of the men. "They're just strong-minded shoes. The women are getting sensible. High time, too."

"Look lak they made out o' cowhide," the porter commented. "Lawd, look at them soles; 'bout four inches thick."

"Must be a mighty big woman," put in the other passenger. "Bet she weighs 200 if she weighs a pound. I never saw such shoes in my life. Think she'd have to have derricks to lift them up with."

But the eavesdropper fell asleep right here. In the morning three pairs of eyes looked curiously at her feet and then took in a slender little 103-pound figure. She said it was really amusing.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Danger of the Season.

Mr. Rider Haggard, in "A Farmer's Year," tells a sad story about a Yorkshire gentleman who was one of a shooting party watched by a lot of miners.

A number of these gentry attached themselves to him so hard that he grew nervous and began to miss freely At length the last and great stand of the day was reached, when, just before the beat began, a ferocious and peculiarly powerful miner advanced and whispered hoarsely in his ear: "Look 'ere, gov'nor, you're shooting horful, and I've lost three bob on yer. But I've backed yer double or quits, and, by gosh! If I don't win this time I'll knock yer bloomin' 'ead off."

Bound to Depart.

A youthful Stockton man rushed to catch a river boat for San Francisco, but was about two minutes late. The steamer was six feet out as he reached the dock. He swung his grip aboard and, jumping, caught a rope and a post and held fast. Everybody imagined he had fallen in. The captain, peering over the side, saw his intrepid passenger. "Here, you," he shouted, "by jiminy crickets, don't you ever do that again!" The passenger had hauled himself aboard by this time, and, turning a look of scorn at the captain, said, "What do you think I'm going to do—jump back and try it over?"

What is that which increases the more you take from it?—A hole.

In the Social Realm.

St. Louis, Mo., Special—A reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldens of E. St. Louis, Ill. The bride was beautifully attired in blue both of tailor stye and wore diamonds. The groom wore the conventional black. Mrs. Olden wore silk with diamonds. Those present were Mrs. Smith the groom's mother, Mrs. Scholl the bride's mother, Miss Smith, Miss M. Johnson, Mrs. C. Jones, Messrs. Lucas, Fred Tony, James Scholl, Wm. Taylor, Edward and William Perkins. All the ladies were richly gowned and the many costly gems worn made the occasion a dazzling one. The gentlomen wore full evening dress. The Menu was a delightful repast which consisted of the delecacies of the season. Champagne, Angelica and Sherry wines were served. The spacious rooms were profusely decorated with flowers.

News Notes.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special—Mrs. H. Burton has returned from Grand Rapids. Burt Boyd has accepted a position as advance agent for the Ammoranth Jubilee Singers. The Ammoranth Jubilee Singers filled engagements at the A. M. E church Monday and Tuesday evenings. Their program was enjoyed by all. Quite a sum was realized. Thanksgiving was celebrated in both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist churches. Thanksgiving evening by very appropriate programs. Dinner and supper were served. Mrs Lizzie Thompkins entertained at Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Letts 524 East North street, cover were laid for fourteen. Among those who were present were the Messrs. and Mesdames E. Stewart, H. Morgan, Mesdames. L. Hedgebeth, J. Evens and B. Holmes, Messers. H. Bailey and George Morgan and Julia Johnson, Mrs. Thompkins presided at the punch bowl and the Misses. Cora Mongomery and Phrena Evans assisted. Decorations were roses, caranation, chrysanthemums and myrtle.

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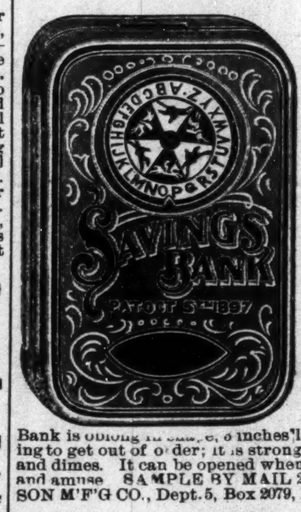

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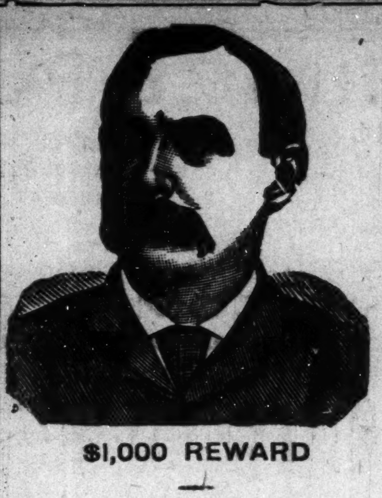

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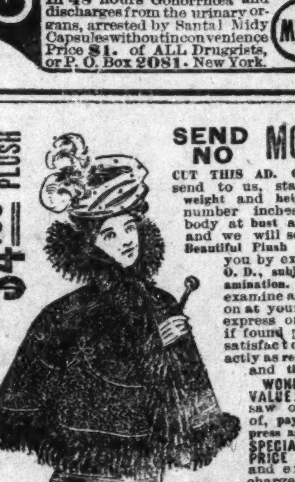

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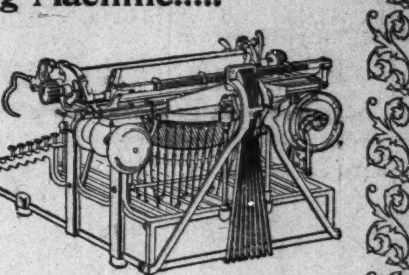

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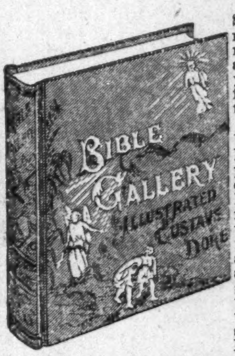

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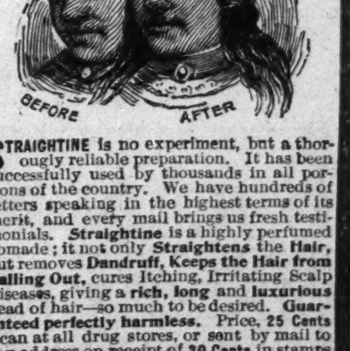

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Mrs. Fannie Duncan of Alexandria was the guest of her sister Mrs. Eliza Burley last Sunday.

Mrs. Hannah Kancaid left Tuesday for Harrodsburg, Ky., to attend the wedding of her sister.

Miss Alice A. Roberts, of Shelbyville, was the guest of Mrs. Geo. L. Knox several days this week.

Rev. Elbert Brown, of Madison passed through the city Monday enroute to Clinton where he will be the guest of his family.

Mrs. Lowery of Paducah, Ky., and Miss Nance of Evansville, will visit Mrs. Ida Bryant during the holidays.

Mrs. Bertha Morgan Curtis and Mrs. A. W. Price, of South Bend, are guests of Mrs. Ellington 1932 Alvord street.

Mr. George Goins is now one of "the finest," having been appointed last Friday, a member of the police force, also J. Hedgebeth.

Mr. Fred Patridge accompained Mayor Taggart to French Lick Springs, last week. He reports a fine time but says there is only one place for him—the Grand barber shop.

Prof. Jas E. Sterrett leaves today for his home in New Albany, where he will spend the holidays. His New Year Masquerade will occur on the evening of Jan. 2, at Mozart Hall.

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Allen Chapel Notes.

Rev. L. Stokes preached a most powerful sermon Sunday morning twelve persons stood up for prayer at the close of the sermon. Rev. W. H. Saunders P. E., preached a rousing sermon in the evening. The Cantata Queen Esther will be repeated by request next Wednesday evening. The public is invited to see the Cantata. It is the prettiest Cantata in the known world. The Sunday school will celebrate their Christmas exercisee next Monday Eve. They will render the Cantata Santa Claus arrival Sunday 10:45 Rev. B. W. Arnett Jr., will preach and also at 7:45 a short sermon followed by some excellent Christmas musical, solos, duets and trios etc. The pastor will conduct the services.

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Executive Committee to Meet.

An important meeting of the Executive Committee of The National Afro-American Council will be held in Washington D. C. on Thursday, Dec., 28, 1899.

A Rose.

Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Please allow me space to say a few words in regards to the Christmas number. The Christmas number was a rose last year and with twenty pages. To be issued Dec. 23 1899 twenty-four pages, which I invite everybody to buy a copy Dec. 23.

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